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TALES OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. H. R. Bassler, of Broadway, is critically ill with brain fever.

Born—To James Watts and wife, of north Washington street, a daughter.

Mrs. B. C. Faurer, who has been quite sick for the past week, is convalescent.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hammond, of south Union street, a ten pound boy.

Miss Kate Freeman, who has been sick for the past week or ten days, has about recovered from her illness.

Special policeman George Furry is patrolling officer Leim's beat on the south side, while the latter is serving five days suspension from duty.

The Solar Refining company, of this city, has brought suit against the Cincinnati Pressed Brick company, in the Cincinnati courts, for \$500.45, due on account.

Harvey Parker, the wrestler who defeated Mike Sullivan at Marion, Ind., a week or so ago, has signed for a match with Woodmansee, at Cincinnati in the near future.

Miss Clara Beck was pleasantly surprised by sixteen of her little friends at her home on south Main street last evening, the event being her tenth birthday anniversary.

A dog policeman is abroad in the vicinity of west High street. Within the past week or ten days a dozen or so canines have turned their toes skyward through the influence of strychnine.

The three-year-old son of Findlay Holmes, corner of North and Cole streets, died this morning after a long illness. Arrangements for funeral services have not been completed.

The funeral services of Caroline, wife of Engineer Nate Robinson, who died from pneumonia Tuesday night, were held from the residence on south Elizabeth street at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The funeral services of Mrs. J. M. Johns, of Elida, were held from the M. E. church in that place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The remains were interred in Greenlaw cemetery, near Allentown.

Sylvester Petrine, of Sharon, Pa., has purchased the wholesale fruit business of Cardozo Bros. Mr. Petrine is a brother of Prof. Petrine, leader of the Lima City band, and will remove his family to this city.

Michael Carr, father of Mrs. John R. Tatt and G. L. Carr, of this city, died at his home in Lima, Monday, of heart trouble. The funeral services were held there to-day. The Tatt Clothing company, of which Mr. Tatt is a member, was closed to-day on that account.—Sidney News.

Robert Metaffey drew a subscription paper on last Saturday, receiving donations of money and provisions for the benefit of the family of Thomas Shriver, who has been sick for some time and is in great need at present. Something over \$10 was subscribed.—Ada Record.

STREET TALK.

The Elks are at McCullough's lake fishing this afternoon for meat for a supper to be served after the lodge meeting this evening.

Jacob Spyker, of this city, has secured contracts for building two brick business blocks—one at St. Marys and the other at Leipsic.

The many friends of Dr. P. H. Brooks will be pleased to learn that he has about recovered from his illness. He has been sick for two weeks and was down town for a short time this morning for the first. Dr. Brooks will leave to-morrow morning for his home at Oxford, where he will spend a week or so in recuperating.

Sheriff Ranney has received a letter from Jim Folk, who was sent to the Dayton work house from here, but is now in jail at Lima. Among other things Jim says that he learned a lesson in short order down at the work house, referring no doubt to the little beating he got for not keeping his face closed. Jim is now awaiting trial at Lima for thieving.—Kenton News.

George Beers, of Fort Wayne, who is at the head of bringing the new telephone system to Lima, was in the city last evening. In conversation with a Times-Democrat representative he stated that the line would be in operation by the first of July. The first lot of poles is being unloaded. Foreman Frank Hudson and his assistant, B. E. Campbell, are here securing men to do the work and will give home men the preference.

Work on the line will be commenced at once.

Miss Nellie Bennett, stenographer in the wholesale grocery of Seals & Co., Lima, is home for a month's vacation at the expiration of which time she will return to her duties in Lima. She has not resigned her position, as erroneously reported.—Delphos Herald.

A. A. Scott & Co., of Lima, O., have obtained possession of the Abbott sanitarium, and propose to make of it a great health resort. They have already expended large sums of money in improving the plant, have put in a new engine, built an 800 barrel tank for a surplus supply of spring water, have drilled the well deeper, increasing the flow, and have made many desirable improvements to the building and equipments. Dr. Stemen has been placed in charge, and he informs the News that the present management proposes to make this one of the most popular sanitariums in the country. The water will probably be piped to the city, and it is not improbable that a large hotel will be erected in close proximity to some of the city parks.—Mt. Wayne News.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harman entertained a few of their friends at their home on west High street last evening, treating them to a musical program from an Edison Phonograph. The machine was purchased by Mr. Harman's father, Wm. Harman, of Fremont, Mich., who is on his way home from Philadelphia. It is a remarkably fine instrument, and a highly enjoyable evening was passed. Mr. Harman has a program of ninety-four selections with the phonograph.

A Cincinnati gentleman who was in the city to-day said a strong company had been organized in that city for the purpose of building an electric line from the Queen City to Dayton, Ohio, to the C. H. & D. road. Work, he said, was to begin at once. With a line from Cincinnati to Dayton, another from Troy to Piqua and another from Perrysburg to Toledo, the indications are that the entire C. H. & D. line will be paralleled before many years.

B. of E. Meets.

The Board of Education met in regular session last night, with Messrs. Prophet, Galenau, Jones, Mumaugh and Holmes present.

Jacob Conrad, janitor in the west school building, was allowed \$5 for last year and \$5 for this year for extra services at night school. Mrs. Hatfield was allowed \$6 for work, and a number of other bills were allowed. The building committee was instructed to have gutters on roofs of buildings repaired and re-painted.

Miss Keiger, a teacher in the west High street building, resigned on account of ill health. Her resignation was accepted and Miss Minnie Winn, of Elida, chosen to succeed her. Board adjourned.

Both Gons.

Last night George Edgerton, recently employed at Colvin's barn, handed a young man named Al Jones his grip to hold for a few minutes on north Main street, and upon returning after an absence of a few minutes, found both had disappeared. Merchants' policeman Gus Miller had seen a man answering Jones' description going toward South Lima, but the police have been unable to locate him.

The Evolution

of medicinal agents is gradually relegating the old-time herbs, pills, draughts and vegetable extracts to the rear and bringing into general use the pleasant and effective liquid laxative, Syrup of Figs. To get the true remedy see that it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only. For sale by all leading druggists.

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Feast of Days.

The ladies of the Congregational church will give the "Feast of Days" and serve supper at the church on Saturday, April 6th. The bazaar will open at 10 o'clock a. m. and supper will be served from 5 to 9 o'clock p. m. Supper, 15c. Admission, free.

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IN EACH WARD

The Humane Society Authorizes a Member

To Investigate and Report Cases of Cruelty to Persons or Animals.

The members of the Lima Branch of the Ohio Humane Society held an enthusiastic meeting in the office of Sup't. J. M. Greenleaf at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ben R. Kepner, who was recently commissioned as the agent or officer of the branch, was unable to be present at the meeting and consequently no report can yet be made of any work that may have been accomplished by him since his recent appointment as agent.

A number of cases of cruelty have been reported to different members of the society, but owing to the absence of Mr. Kepner, none have yet been fully investigated.

Upon suggestion of Rev. E. S. De Miller, a motion was carried to instruct the president to appoint one member of the society in each ward in the city to investigate cases of cruelty to persons or animals that may be reported and whenever a case is found in which prosecution is deemed necessary, the agent will be instructed to continue the investigation and make a report of the arrest and prosecution of the offender.

The president, Mrs. Geo. Hall, appointed the following persons members of the investigating committee: First ward, Miss Hedwig Ramseyer; second ward, Mrs. A. Ireland; third ward, J. H. Hovner; fourth ward, J. V. Smiley; fifth ward, D. S. Cross; sixth ward, F. C. DeMott; seventh ward, Rev. R. S. De Miller.

Cases of cruelty which may come under notice of any citizen may be reported to the member of the investigating committee representing the ward in which the offense is perpetrated or may report the matter by mail or otherwise to the secretary, J. W. Deall, who will instruct the proper persons to make an investigation.

The Lima Branch is becoming more completely organized at each meeting and a more humane public sentiment will result and persistent offenders of the Ohio humane laws will be punished according to law.

MOVING UP TOWN.

Harrod & Summers, the Merchant Tailors, to Change Locations.

The hustling merchant tailoring firm of Harrod & Summers, are preparing to remove their establishment further up town, and for that purpose have leased the south half of the room on Main street occupied by Daller & Hall's jewelry store and lately vacated by Vorkamp's drug store.

Harrod & Summers carry one of the finest and most complete stocks in the city, and their new location will be an excellent one for this enterprising firm, which is rapidly coming to the front as Lima's leading merchant tailors. They will be located in their new quarters in a few days, when the public is cordially invited to call and inspect their stock and learn prices.

Don't Miss It.

The lecture by Miss Olof Krar, the native Esquimaux, who is 3 feet, 4 inches tall, and weighs 120 pounds, and tells the story of her life and the habits of her people in a manner which fascinates the school children, as well as their grandparents, at Market Street Presbyterian church to-morrow evening. Admission, 15 and 25 cents. At her former lecture here, Main street church was packed and many had to stand. To secure a seat, pay ten cents extra and reserve at Meville's. Subject this time, "Greenland and Iceland." 1t

Burglary at Anna.

Conductor Marion Brown, of the C. H. & D., brought news here this morning that Young's hardware store at Anna Station had been entered last night and a lot of revolvers, knives and cutlery stolen. The burglars are supposed to have come this way and our officials are keeping a sharp lookout for them.—Piqua Dispatch.

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Death from Heart Trouble.

Mrs. Martha Caldwell, aged eighty-five years, seven months and twenty-three days, died at 11 o'clock last night from heart trouble, at the home of her son, J. P. Caldwell, No. 612 west Kibby street, after having been ill since last Saturday. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

You Are Invited.

The ladies of the South Main street Presbyterian church will have a sale of useful and fancy articles in W. C. T. U. room on west Kibby street, just west of Cramer's drug store, on Saturday afternoon and evening, April 6th. Will also serve fine cold lunch and coffee for only ten cents. Do not fail to attend. 45-3t

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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

NEW CASES.

Daisy Gillespie vs. Albert Van Norman. Bastardy. Transcript from mayor's court.

A Free Lecture.

Mrs. Mattie P. Krefel will deliver a course of Liberal lectures at the assembly room of the court house, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 5th, 6th and 7th, at 8 o'clock p. m. 42-5t

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The Fourth Ward Central Committee.

In the returns made to the County Convention last Tuesday of the names of members of the County Central Committee the name of M. C. Crossley was given as member from the Fourth ward. Mr. Crossley wishes us to state that he was not a candidate for the position and that at the ward primary R. A. Hickey was selected as Central Committeeman.

Died from His Injuries.

W. L. Lentz, of Fort Wayne, who fell under a P. Ft. W. & C. freight train at Van Wert, Monday, and had one of his legs cut off, died at Van Wert this morning. He leaves a wife and three children at Fort Wayne.

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POINTED AND PERTINENT

Were the Remarks of Mr. Sweet Last Evening.

There was a good attendance at the First Baptist church last evening to hear Mr. F. W. Sweet, of Denison University, speak upon the "Evangelicalization of the World in Our Generation." All present were greatly pleased at the practical handling of the subject. The speaker did not go far into the details of the subject, speaking less than an hour, but what was said was pointed and pertinent.

His principal thought was that after the giving of the great commission to the disciples by the risen Lord that practically in one generation, or thirty years, as recorded in the book of Acts, the gospel has been preached to all of the known world, and the same obligation has rested upon the disciples in each succeeding generation.

He closed by referring to the advantages possessed by the present generation disciples in the facilities for travel and rapid communication with the uttermost parts of the earth, the widespread range of the English language, every nation open to the reception of the gospel, the thousands of young men and women in colleges and elsewhere preparing especially for the purpose of carrying the glad tidings to the "regions beyond," the means in the possession of the church and, lastly, the expressed promise of Christ, the Master—"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

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THE ASSESSORS

Will Be Instructed by Auditor Walters Monday.

The assessors elected Monday will receive their instructions and supplies from Auditor Philip Walters, Monday, and will enter upon their duties at once. Following is a list of the assessors:

Adams' township, Wm. Richardson, Geo. Auglaize, east precinct, G. A. Rumbaugh, B. Auglaize, west precinct, R. Maus, R. Bath, G. E. Getz, D. German, F. M. Cremean, D. Jackson, R. Fachler, D. Monroe, L. C. Sigler, D. Marion, Ohas. Pfeifer, D. Dolphos, 1st ward, Jacob Saum, D. Dolphos, 2nd ward, M. Summers, D. Perry, Jesse Bowdle, R. Richland, Bluffton, Calvin Balm, R. D. Richland, Beaver Dam, S. W. Fachler, D. Sugar Creek, Harry Johnson, R. Shawnee, J. A. Umbaugh, D. Spencer, L. M. Place, D. Lima, 1st ward, T. Rowlands; 2d ward, Wm. Wise; 3d ward, T. D. Watkins; 4th ward, L. H. Perry; 5th ward, A. Barry; 6th ward, B. Hamilton; 7th ward, Charles Baum.

OIL AND GAS.

The eastern oil market closed yesterday at \$1.10.

The Buckeye Pine Line runs for April 2d were 35,512.31.

INCREASED OUTPUT.

From present appearances the daily output of Ohio and Indiana oil will undergo a material increase within the next thirty days. In fact, the monthly report of operations, as furnished regularly by the Oil City Derrick, will show quite an improvement for March over the February statement. Drilling operations are increasing in every quarter where medium wells are looked for. This condition is a natural result of 67 1/2 cent oil. The small territory can and will be bored with this market, and, judging from the movements east, there may be another step upward soon. The eastern stuff last week touched \$1.12. The same hubbub in drilling is on in the east that is witnessed here. But until something of much greater importance is discovered than appears in view to date, there can be no possible chance for a serious decline in values or increase in the yield.

The most ancient of the producing fields of Pennsylvania are again attracting attention. It is not an infrequent sight to see new derricks on the hill tops and sides that years ago were almost literally checked with them. These derricks are one positive reminder of the glorious days of four and five dollar oil, when people were wild in the haste for wealth and when money counted as plenty as good wishes are at the present time. This fresh impetus which the drilling business has received, augurs good to the oil regions generally. Oil men, as a class, do not hoard wealth. Their gatus, as a rule, are returned for further use, and as a consequence the

AMONG THE RAILROADS.

Brakenham Howard French, of the L. E. & W., is laying off.

The machinery in the L. E. & W. shops is being repainted.

Conductor Thomas Bussert, of the C. & E., is visiting friends in the city.

Engine 111, of the L. E. & W., is again ready for the road, after being overhauled.

Conductor Gibney, of the C. & E. west local, is laying off. Conductor Pat Herr is running his car.

L. W. Brown, recently night yard clerk at the C. & E., returned last night from a brief visit to Lima.

Albert Marty left to-day for Lima, where he has accepted a position as C. & E. night operator.—Kenton News.

Switch engine 44, of the L. E. & W., has been run over from Tipton for a new set of tires and other repairs.

The C. & E. will erect a building at North Judson which will answer for a passenger station and the sec-

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